

THE CATRON AFFAIR.

On Saturday 19 the witnesses called on the continuance of the case were the Nowell who gave evidence that when he was in the penitentiary for adultery, Catron came to see him as to the evidence he would give at the Chavez trial, and urged him not to testify as he had done at the preliminary hearing as to seeing the Borogoss on the night of the killing. He said Catron promised to defend and protect him. This witness said that he met P. B. Otero in Trinidad who told him he needn't go to testify in the Catron and Spiess case, that he, Otero, had received a telegram from Catron and that he needn't go to testify.

Karl A. Snyder, assistant attorney for the A. & P., returned to court and voluntarily produced letters respecting the passes asked for by Mr. Catron for Max Knott.

Gov. Thornton gave evidence as to the affidavit Catron and Spiess had procured from Luis Gonzales and also that Catron had approached him and asked him on account of their past friendship to help him in the premises.

Mrs. Ellen L. Lockhart gave sensational evidence but the court did not at once pass upon its admissibility. E. A. Dike testified that he was originally appointed on the committee to consider the information in this case, that Catron came to his office and wanted the committee called together and the charges immediately reported upon, that he told Catron he would not serve on the committee and Catron urged him to recommend the appointment of Gen. Bartlett as a member of the committee in his stead.

On Monday the 21st Thos. Hughes was called and his evidence objected to and after elaborate arguments the evidence was not allowed.

On Tuesday the 22d Page B. Otero said that he was in Trinidad on Oct. 2 to 7, a check for \$30 from Catron and used the money to pay his expenses there, did not know he had been aiding Catron in doing so. On cross examination Otero said Catron had been counsel for his family and he would be foolish not to aid him now, Catron knew he was going to Trinidad but did not ask him to see the Nowell at Trinidad in his behalf. On redirect examination Otero said that during the past three weeks he had been in Catron's office and talked with Catron regarding his Otero's connection with this case, and had reported to Catron the result of his Otero's interview with the Nowell at Trinidad.

The evidence of witnesses, Porfiria Martinez, the Nowell and Luis Gonzales, given at the preliminary hearing of the Chavez case, was put in evidence.

After the defense and testimony in rebuttal the case was submitted to the court without argument and a decision rendered last Monday.

Three of the four justices who had sat on the case had concluded that the proceedings against Catron and Spiess should be dismissed. Judge Laughlin dissenting.

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